

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 have been canceled and claim 63-66 have been added. Therefore, with entry of this amendment, claims 63-66 are pending. Support for new claims 63-66 is found, for example, in the specification, at page 16, lines 3-31; page 6, lines 8-9; page 11, lines 19-20; and Example 7 at page 47, line 13 to page 49, line 19. Therefore, no new matter is introduced with this amendment.

In the Election of Species requirement mailed June 17, 2003, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one species from each of the 5 subgroups identifying allegedly patentably distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect:

Subgroup 1: the linker species (Gly₄Ser)₃;

Subgroup 2: the first interactor domain c-Fos;

Subgroup 3: the second interactor domain c-Jun;

Subgroup 4: the signal peptide pelB; and

Subgroup 5: wherein functional reconstitution is enhanced by introducing the peptide sequence GRE to α 197.

Applicants note that new claims 63-66 do not explicitly recite a linker as in Subgroup 1, a first interactor domain as in Subgroup 2, a second interactor domain as in Subgroup 3, a signal peptide as in Subgroup 4 and a peptide sequence enhancement peptide as in Subgroup 5.

In a telephonic interview with the Examiner on July 14, 2003, the Examiner agreed to examine claims 63-66 even though claims 63-66 do not explicitly recite the features contained in Subgroups 1-5.

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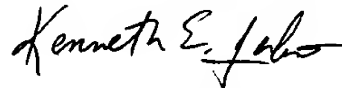
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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